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WASHINGTON, June 18, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 13 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 8.3 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 409.4 billion ton-miles, up 2.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 13 totaled 416,198, up 5.4 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but 0.2 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.9 percent in the East and 9.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 7,880 cars (31.0 percent), and chemicals and allied products increased by 3,501 cars (15.5 percent). Twelve of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the preceding holiday week ended June 6 totaled 101,504 trailers and/or containers, 7.5 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 2,204,853 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/13/87:

	Loadings in Week ended June 13, 1987			Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars			Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	33,308	I		7,880	31.0	I	3,761	12.7	
Other farm products	5,354	I		1,089	25.5	I	1,144	27.2	
Metallic ores	18,103	D		887	4.7	D	411	2.2	
Coal	115,710	D		2,091	1.8	D	5,528	4.6	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,920	I		460	3.2	D	1,052	6.6	
Nonmetallic minerals	10,031	I		764	8.2	D	219	2.3	
Grain mill products	11,365	I		443	4.1	I	416	3.8	
Food and kindred products	10,642	D		490	4.4	D	446	4.0	
Primary forest products	10,769	I		176	1.7	D	265	2.4	
Lumber and wood products									
except furniture	8,637	I		760	9.6	I	318	3.8	
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,204	D		505	4.0	D	690	5.4	
Chemicals and allied products	26,035	I		3,501	15.5	I	339	1.3	
Petroleum products	5,026	I		123	2.5	I	254	5.3	
Stone, clay and glass products	11,176	I		645	6.1	D	375	3.2	
Coke	4,527	I		374	9.0	D	532	10.5	
Metals and products	8,688	I		1,080	14.2	D	96	1.1	
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,394	D		726	3.3	I	786	3.8	
Waste and scrap materials	8,923	I		555	6.6	I	318	3.7	
Forwarder and shipper									
association traffic	2,882	D		247	7.9	D	13	0.4	
All other carloads	76,418	I		8,415	12.4	I	1,455	1.9	
LCL traffic	86	D		13	13.1	D	10	10.4	
Total Cars Loaded	416,198	I		21,306	5.4	D	846	0.2	

Corresponding week of 1986

394,892

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	9,198,644	9,041,378	I 1.7

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

23 Weeks ended June 6	391.1	383.4	I 2.0
Week ended June 13	<u>18.3</u>	<u>16.9</u>	<u>I 8.3</u>
24 Weeks cumulative	409.4	400.3	I 2.3

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